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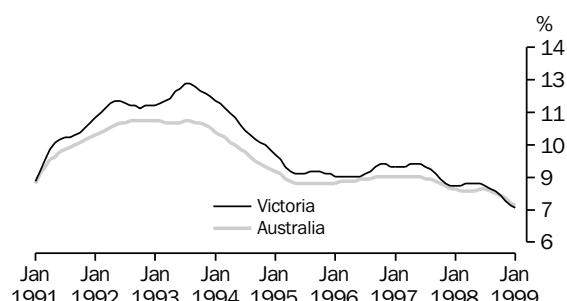
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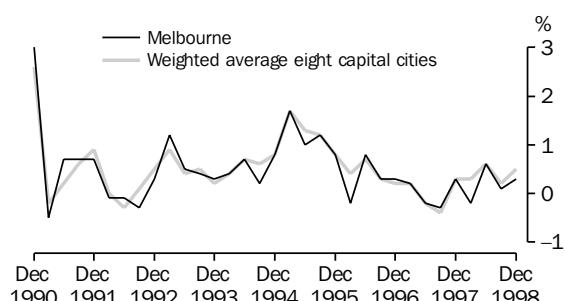
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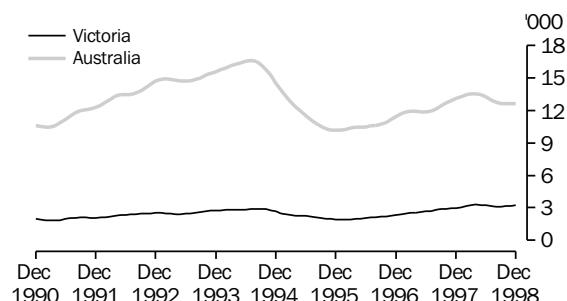
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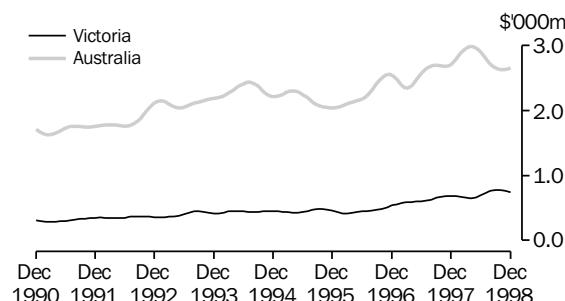
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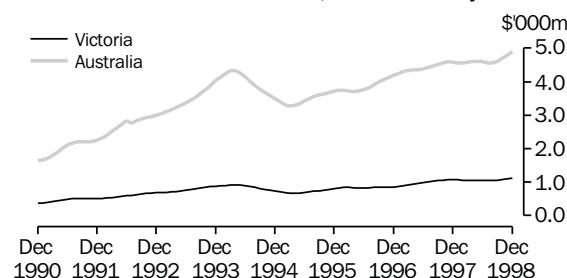
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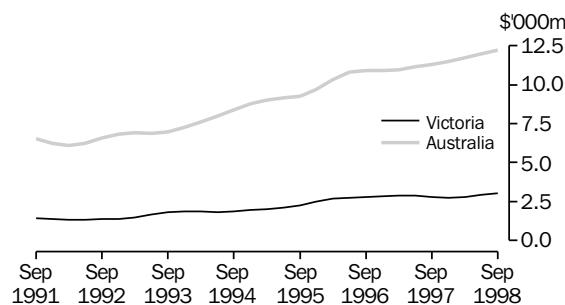
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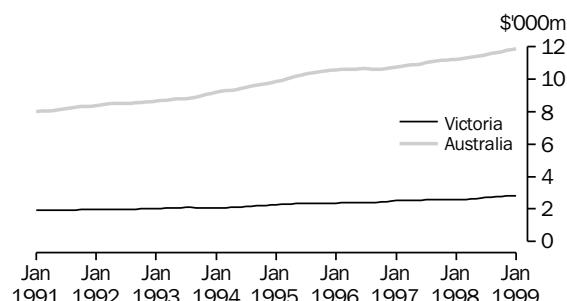
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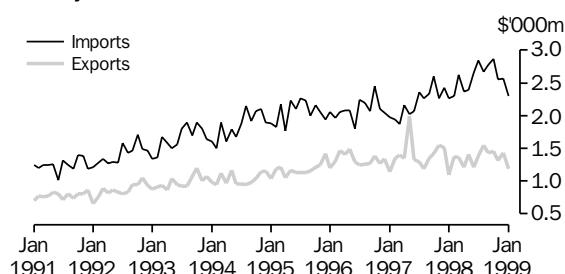
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996-97	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.8
1997-98 p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	28.8	55.7	3 371.3
1997						
March qtr	2 271.6	2 327.0	4 598.6	7.5	15.1	..
June qtr	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	6.8	6.6	..
September qtr p	2 282.1	2 336.7	4 618.7	6.4	13.5	..
December qtr p	2 286.8	2 342.1	4 628.9	7.7	10.2	..
1998						
March qtr p	2 298.0	2 352.1	4 650.1	7.8	21.2	..
June qtr p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	6.9	10.8	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population								
	Registrations				Infant deaths per 1,000 live births				
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	
1995-96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996-97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.37	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46
1997-98 p	61 146	32 320	25 957	11 916	13.21	6.98	5.61	2.58	4.82
1997									
March qtr	14 941	7 472	8 101	2 810	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 973	8 131	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 671	9 225	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 595	7 908	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997 p	61 180	32 943	25 456	12 463	13.28	7.15	5.53	2.71	5.08
1998									
March qtr p	15 055	7 269	8 531	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	14 825	7 918	6 071	2 908	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over		Unemployment rate	Participation rate				
	Full-time Total	Total	Full-time	Part-time			Total	'000						
	'000	'000	'000	'000			'000	'000						
MALES														
1997														
November	1 048.8	1 194.0	89.5	15.4	104.8	1 298.8	489.6	1 788.4	8.1	72.6				
December	1 064.4	1 220.2	86.4	23.1	109.5	1 329.7	460.7	1 790.4	8.2	74.3				
1998														
January	1 054.8	1 185.7	102.0	20.4	122.4	1 308.1	484.2	1 792.2	9.4	73.0				
February	1 065.0	1 202.5	96.1	20.6	116.7	1 319.2	474.8	1 794.0	8.8	73.5				
March	1 055.8	1 206.2	97.6	19.3	116.9	1 323.1	472.7	1 795.8	8.8	73.7				
April	1 060.8	1 212.6	90.2	18.4	108.5	1 321.1	476.8	1 798.0	8.2	73.5				
May	1 060.1	1 217.7	93.7	16.0	109.7	1 327.4	472.7	1 800.1	8.3	73.7				
June	1 048.7	1 213.3	92.3	12.4	104.7	1 318.0	484.2	1 802.2	7.9	73.1				
July	1 055.8	1 212.5	89.2	13.5	102.7	1 315.2	488.8	1 804.1	7.8	72.9				
August	1 046.0	1 202.0	87.4	16.4	103.8	1 305.8	500.0	1 805.9	8.0	72.3				
September	1 069.5	1 231.2	88.0	18.3	106.3	1 337.6	470.2	1 807.7	7.9	74.0				
October	1 058.7	1 213.8	81.3	17.3	98.6	1 312.4	498.2	1 810.7	7.5	72.5				
November	1 053.1	1 214.4	83.5	13.8	97.3	1 311.7	501.9	1 813.6	7.4	72.3				
December	1 073.6	1 233.3	80.6	19.2	99.7	1 333.0	483.5	1 816.6	7.5	73.4				
1999														
January	1 057.9	1 215.9	89.2	16.9	106.0	1 322.0	496.9	1 818.9	8.0	72.7				
FEMALES														
1997														
November	505.6	922.1	53.2	26.5	79.7	1 001.8	865.0	1 866.8	8.0	53.7				
December	530.2	934.8	55.9	26.3	82.2	1 016.9	851.8	1 868.7	8.1	54.4				
1998														
January	513.3	893.6	60.9	28.5	89.4	983.0	887.4	1 870.5	9.1	52.6				
February	526.6	387.3	62.9	27.9	90.8	1 004.6	867.5	1 872.2	9.0	53.7				
March	520.0	925.3	61.0	32.6	93.5	1 018.9	855.0	1 873.9	9.2	54.4				
April	531.2	937.5	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 023.8	852.4	1 867.2	8.4	54.6				
May	522.7	935.1	55.3	24.4	79.6	1 014.7	863.7	1 878.4	7.8	54.0				
June	523.2	941.4	52.9	30.8	83.6	1 025.1	855.6	1 880.7	8.2	54.5				
July	535.5	940.4	53.8	28.9	82.8	1 023.2	859.4	1 882.6	8.1	54.4				
August	535.9	949.7	50.3	30.9	81.2	1 030.9	853.6	1 884.5	7.9	54.7				
September	533.3	953.2	58.2	31.8	90.1	1 043.3	843.1	1 886.4	8.6	55.3				
October	529.1	938.8	47.2	26.9	74.1	1 012.8	876.3	1 889.1	7.3	53.6				
November	518.7	936.8	49.9	27.2	77.1	1 013.8	878.0	1 891.8	7.6	53.6				
December	542.4	950.6	48.3	26.8	75.1	1 025.8	868.8	1 894.6	7.3	54.1				
1999														
January	532.8	912.2	52.3	23.9	76.2	988.4	908.2	1 896.6	7.7	52.1				
PERSONS														
1997														
November	1 554.4	2 116.1	142.7	41.8	184.5	2 300.6	1 354.6	3 655.2	8.0	62.9				
December	1 594.6	2 155.0	142.3	49.3	191.7	2 346.7	1 312.5	3 659.2	8.2	64.1				
1998														
January	1 568.1	2 079.3	162.8	48.9	211.8	2 291.1	1 371.6	3 662.7	9.2	62.6				
February	1 591.6	2 116.3	159.0	48.5	207.5	2 323.8	1 342.4	3 666.2	8.9	63.4				
March	1 575.8	2 131.6	158.5	51.9	210.4	2 342.0	1 327.7	3 669.7	9.0	63.8				
April	1 592.0	2 150.0	147.6	47.3	194.9	2 344.9	1 329.2	3 674.1	8.3	63.8				
May	1 582.8	2 152.8	149.0	40.3	189.3	2 342.1	1 336.4	3 678.5	8.1	63.7				
June	1 571.9	2 154.8	145.2	43.2	188.3	2 343.1	1 339.8	3 682.9	8.0	63.6				
July	1 591.3	2 152.9	143.1	42.5	185.5	2 338.4	1 348.2	3 686.7	7.9	63.4				
August	1 581.9	2 151.7	137.7	47.3	185.0	2 336.7	1 353.7	3 690.4	7.9	63.3				
September	1 602.8	2 184.5	146.2	50.2	196.4	2 380.8	1 313.3	3 694.1	8.2	64.4				
October	1 587.8	2 152.6	128.5	44.2	172.7	2 325.3	1 374.5	3 699.8	7.4	62.8				
November	1 571.8	2 151.1	133.4	41.0	174.4	2 325.5	1 379.9	3 705.5	7.5	62.8				
December	1 616.0	2 183.9	128.9	46.0	174.9	2 358.8	1 352.3	3 711.1	7.4	63.6				
1999														
January	1 590.7	2 128.1	141.5	40.8	182.2	2 310.4	1 405.1	3 715.4	7.9	62.2				

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

Industry division	Aug 1997 '000	Nov 1997 '000	Feb 1998 '000	May 1998 '000	Aug 1998 '000	Nov 1998 '000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	58.7	55.9	68.0	62.1	52.2	51.9
Mining	*2.5	*3.2	*3.1	*3.6	*2.2	5.3
Manufacturing	249.8	250.3	247.5	242.5	245.8	243.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.4	9.9	11.6	12.6	13.8	11.9
Construction	110.9	115.9	121.6	128.6	127.0	131.7
Wholesale trade	—	88.0	92.1	104.6	98.9	85.5
Retail trade	150.6	158.4	159.7	150.7	151.8	164.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	37.0	37.6	31.9	39.4	40.7	39.6
Transport and storage	74.8	73.5	82.9	79.0	72.4	75.3
Communication services	24.5	22.4	22.1	22.2	25.0	26.3
Finance and insurance	42.8	46.3	42.3	40.0	43.5	50.1
Property and business services	130.8	130.7	130.1	134.8	148.8	147.8
Government administration and defence	29.2	38.4	37.4	36.1	35.7	31.4
Education	48.4	52.9	49.1	49.9	41.2	38.3
Health and community services	37.5	39.7	36.4	40.1	38.2	44.9
Cultural and recreational services	25.8	28.3	28.2	26.3	25.4	26.4
Personal and other services	47.0	42.5	38.3	45.5	39.2	40.1
Total	1 168.7	1 194.0	1 202.5	1 217.7	1 202.0	1 214.4
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	28.0	30.8	35.4	31.8	26.4	25.2
Mining	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3	*0.3	*0.8	*0.2
Manufacturing	93.7	107.4	95.2	97.9	95.1	91.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	*1.8	*1.9	*2.6	*2.9	*3.7	*2.5
Construction	15.0	15.8	16.5	13.6	17.5	18.1
Wholesale trade	38.1	41.5	39.5	40.6	46.4	40.3
Retail trade	150.0	157.8	160.5	156.5	155.5	160.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	49.0	47.9	46.3	49.3	48.9	49.6
Transport and storage	18.1	18.7	19.8	18.2	16.2	19.6
Communication services	16.8	15.9	14.2	12.4	13.8	13.2
Finance and insurance	47.8	42.2	40.5	48.1	54.5	51.0
Property and business services	107.6	101.5	105.3	108.3	108.0	111.6
Government administration and defence	39.3	41.9	34.1	35.9	40.0	40.3
Education	90.7	89.0	85.9	95.5	94.3	92.9
Health and community services	144.7	148.9	158.2	160.6	157.6	154.7
Cultural and recreational services	19.4	25.3	21.8	26.0	28.3	27.9
Personal and other services	31.4	35.0	37.9	37.1	42.6	37.5
Total	891.5	922.1	913.8	935.1	949.7	936.8
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	86.8	86.7	103.4	93.9	78.6	77.2
Mining	*2.5	*3.6	*3.4	*3.9	*3.1	5.5
Manufacturing	343.5	357.7	342.6	340.4	340.9	334.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	15.2	11.9	14.2	15.6	17.5	14.4
Construction	125.9	131.7	138.1	142.2	144.5	149.8
Wholesale trade	123.1	129.5	131.6	145.2	145.3	125.9
Retail trade	300.5	316.2	320.2	307.2	307.3	325.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	86.0	85.5	78.1	88.7	89.6	89.3
Transport and storage	92.9	92.2	102.8	97.2	88.6	94.9
Communication services	41.3	38.3	36.3	34.6	38.8	39.5
Finance and insurance	90.6	88.5	82.8	88.1	98.0	101.1
Property and business services	238.5	232.2	235.4	243.0	256.8	259.3
Government administration and defence	68.5	80.3	71.5	72.0	75.8	71.7
Education	139.0	142.0	135.0	145.4	135.5	131.2
Health and community services	182.2	188.6	194.6	200.7	195.8	199.6
Cultural and recreational services	45.2	53.6	50.0	52.3	53.8	54.3
Personal and other services	78.4	77.6	76.2	82.6	81.8	77.7
Total	2 060.2	2 116.1	2 116.3	2 152.8	2 151.7	2 151.1

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
1997						
August	17.4	1.5	15.8	2.4	*14.9	0.97
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97
1998						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20
May	20.2	2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7	1.00
August	17.6	0.8	16.8	1.9	15.7	0.84
November	26.9	*1.2	*25.7	1.9	25.0	1.30

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly); Unpublished data, Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime.

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost		
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1997									
September	14	18	4.8	7.3	11.2	1.0	0.1	6.0	18.3
October	10	12	52.8	53.7	33.7	18.6	1.2	6.6	60.1
November	8	13	22.1	46.6	18.9	10.4	14.8	2.0	46.0
December	6	11	4.0	17.2	9.4	3.7	—	4.2	17.3
1998									
January	5	7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.5
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4
March	6	11	5.7	14.1	5.4	14.7	4.4	0.5	25.0
April	11	17	6.3	9.1	2.6	4.0	0.5	0.7	7.8
May	5	7	42.1	55.7	15.1	23.1	13.9	1.3	53.4
June	8	10	3.0	19.5	0.2	17.7	0.0	0.4	18.3
July	14	18	3.5	4.3	5.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	6.1
August	14	15	12.3	12.5	0.3	2.9	2.0	6.7	11.9
September	19	22	14.0	16.0	12.4	5.3	2.3	1.8	21.8
October	11	12	r 1.9	1.9	1.4	1.0	0.0	r 1.4	r 3.8
November	14	15	12.6	12.7	3.7	0.3	10.0	3.3	17.3

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
1997									
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90
November	781.80	842.10	716.80	657.40	673.30	473.90	736.30	780.30	602.40

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Period	Melbourne										Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups	
	Household equipment and operation				Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups			
	Food	Clothing	Housing									
1995–96	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7		
1996–97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3		
1997–98	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3		
1997												
September qtr	119.8	108.5	88.7	114.6	124.6	158.6	157.3	126.0	119.5	119.7		
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0		
1998												
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3		
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0		
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3		
December qtr	124.3	108.2	86.6	115.3	120.6	166.0	165.3	129.0	120.8	121.9		

Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1998						Weighted average of six state capital cities—Dec qtr 1998
	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	
House building							
All groups	115.4	115.3	117.1	118.0	118.6	118.1	119.7
Other than house building							
Structural timber	116.1	110.1	115.6	116.8	118.3	117.7	126.2
Clay bricks	112.1	113.1	117.9	119.7	119.7	119.6	118.4
Ready mix concrete	118.6	111.5	111.4	111.3	112.4	113.5	106.6
Precast concrete products	108.1	110.3	115.7	123.5	123.6	122.6	123.3
Steel decking and cladding	109.9	109.2	109.4	108.3	108.3	108.3	114.5
Structural steel	100.9	104.2	104.9	104.8	104.8	104.8	113.2
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	102.7	100.7	100.8	100.8	100.3	99.9	110.6
Aluminium windows	100.8	100.6	100.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	110.5
Fabricated steel products	113.1	116.7	120.0	120.6	124.6	124.6	117.6
Builders' hardware	114.5	116.5	119.6	120.3	121.4	122.2	122.9
Sand and aggregate	114.6	115.9	116.3	116.4	119.6	119.6	121.7
Carpet	101.6	101.6	102.6	101.5	101.9	99.9	102.5
Paint and other coatings	141.2	145.8	144.7	148.3	148.6	155.0	143.2
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	112.2	111.5	113.0	109.4	109.4	111.8	126.7
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	109.7	110.0	111.0	111.5	112.0	112.3	114.5
All electrical materials	119.4	112.0	109.8	108.6	108.6	111.8	116.8
All mechanical services	114.1	115.0	114.9	115.2	116.2	118.4	117.9
All plumbing materials	118.9	120.1	122.8	122.3	123.0	123.0	125.4
All groups	111.1	110.9	111.4	111.8	112.4	113.2	115.2

Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1995-96	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 142.1
1996-97	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 197.3
1997-98	1 797.2	769.9	3 375.7	6 287.9	1 364.6
1997					
November	140.6	28.3	310.1	565.1	98.9
December	163.9	11.8	340.5	583.1	115.7
1998					
January	165.3	11.1	339.3	539.2	104.7
February	159.4	8.3	419.6	473.3	102.4
March	159.4	21.2	365.5	506.8	120.4
April	163.2	33.7	268.6	547.4	120.8
May	141.2	41.9	183.5	478.4	128.3
June	146.9	64.4	203.1	481.0	134.5
July	156.2	106.4	219.8	581.4	135.1
August	122.6	164.1	190.5	538.7	121.3
September	141.1	174.3	216.0	619.2	118.1
October	157.0	97.3	258.6	561.8	116.1
November r	155.9	21.8	271.8	590.8	115.9
December	158.6	10.7	227.0	595.6	121.9
1999					
January	153.8	7.7	260.3	559.5	91.0

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

Period	tonnes	Meat (carcass weight)			
		Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb
1995-96	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	83 052
1996-97	373 818	14 293	55 545	111 403	85 872
1997-98	388 958	15 627	65 677	117 637	99 304
1997					
November	30 971	638	6 189	10 558	7 211
December	35 616	286	6 861	11 001	8 100
1998					
January	35 728	281	6 505	10 135	7 577
February	35 579	205	8 193	8 753	7 393
March	35 112	453	6 995	9 348	8 702
April	34 408	705	4 872	10 294	8 840
May	30 084	839	3 500	9 114	9 310
June	31 220	1 318	3 873	9 063	10 035
July	34 634	2 035	4 318	11 151	10 106
August	27 301	3 230	3 785	10 331	8 814
September	31 548	3 419	4 388	11 911	8 692
October	35 545	1 939	5 390	10 927	8 759
November r	35 417	481	5 519	11 604	8 399
December	35 838	257	4 625	10 177	8 551
1999					
January	34 431	193	5 255	10 671	6 714

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

Period	New dwelling units(a)												Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(c)			Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)			
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.			Private sector	Total	Total all building	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION															
1995–96	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8			617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5		
1996–97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0			1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2		
1997–98	26 490	3 026.5	723	56.0	27 213	3 082.6			1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8		
1997															
October	1 807	203.9	77	7.0	1 884	210.9			64	69.0	180.0	238.3	518.2		
November	2 451	291.8	71	4.9	2 522	296.7			52	49.1	195.8	213.6	559.5		
December	2 072	232.1	71	6.1	2 143	238.2			60	43.6	440.7	450.6	732.3		
1998															
January	1 854	230.6	23	1.5	1 877	232.1			74	44.2	174.2	203.1	479.4		
February	2 032	219.7	25	2.0	2 057	221.7			65	56.1	137.7	165.8	443.5		
March	2 633	288.4	11	0.7	2 644	289.1			77	69.3	104.0	117.6	476.0		
April	2 480	296.4	55	3.7	2 535	300.0			47	66.1	172.9	254.2	620.3		
May	2 246	267.7	122	9.3	2 368	277.0			224	72.9	223.9	265.6	615.5		
June	2 237	279.3	91	7.4	2 328	286.7			64	57.1	110.6	173.9	517.7		
July	2 225	257.0	45	3.0	2 270	260.0			134	62.7	142.1	162.2	484.9		
August	2 376	290.3	51	4.2	2 427	294.5			192	69.5	314.2	335.2	699.2		
September	2 334	282.3	33	2.3	2 367	284.7			77	66.7	192.7	246.1	597.5		
October	2 286	300.4	74	5.0	2 360	305.4			51	69.6	216.5	457.2	832.3		
November	2 279	286.7	57	3.7	2 336	290.4			351	76.2	179.5	236.0	602.6		
December	2 398	290.1	54	5.7	2 452	295.8			145	60.5	107.1	133.7	490.1		
TOTAL VICTORIA															
1995–96	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7			663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3		
1996–97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9			1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2		
1997–98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8			1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8		
1997															
October	2 505	273.8	112	9.2	2 617	283.0			64	84.4	204.8	279.2	646.7		
November	3 083	354.6	110	7.5	3 193	362.1			54	60.1	213.5	247.3	669.5		
December	2 675	293.5	90	7.9	2 765	301.4			65	55.6	456.7	470.2	827.2		
1998															
January	2 305	278.0	57	3.7	2 362	281.7			77	56.7	201.7	234.1	572.6		
February	2 620	278.5	71	6.0	2 691	284.5			66	67.3	158.3	222.6	574.5		
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0			84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6		
April	3 154	363.8	110	7.2	3 264	371.0			49	77.8	201.2	302.7	751.5		
May	2 942	341.0	159	12.6	3 101	353.6			255	89.9	243.4	292.3	735.7		
June	3 010	359.2	179	13.8	3 189	373.0			66	71.3	136.4	213.0	657.3		
July	2 850	321.5	75	4.8	2 925	326.3			138	72.9	174.0	196.7	595.9		
August	3 000	355.6	67	5.3	3 067	360.9			196	78.6	340.5	366.4	806.0		
September	3 192	372.8	48	3.4	3 240	376.2			85	80.7	230.6	302.2	759.0		
October	2 921	368.0	103	7.2	3 024	375.3			55	85.0	242.2	491.2	951.4		
November	2 991	362.4	91	6.5	3 082	368.9			357	90.5	204.2	267.9	727.2		
December	2 955	348.6	61	6.3	3 016	354.9			100	70.2	136.2	177.4	602.4		

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

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NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed
			Construction				Construction	
no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1995-96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996-97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1997-98	27 937	25 947	12 503	22 271	7 412	7 509	5 095	6 497
1997								
June qtr	5 794	5 463	8 937	4 687	1 531	1 527	4 151	1 400
September qtr	6 732	5 717	9 537	5 102	1 973	1 822	3 874	2 036
December qtr	6 821	7 088	10 720	5 842	1 754	1 958	4 104	1 725
1998								
March qtr	6 577	6 034	11 512	5 242	1 938	1 924	4 806	1 220
June qtr r	7 807	7 165	12 368	6 239	1 747	1 894	5 148	1 561
September qtr	7 526	7 288	12 835	6 803	1 706	1 922	5 348	1 679

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

Period	Residential buildings			Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education		Health	Other	Total
						\$m	\$m			
COMMENCED										
1995-96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330.0	108.4	953.5	5 644.8	
1996-97	2 692.2	761.0	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1	
1997-98 r	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4	
1997										
June qtr	789.7	235.0	97.2	74.4	104.3	214.1	103.4	369.6	1 987.6	
September qtr	845.8	228.4	80.4	58.3	123.8	55.2	46.1	245.8	1 683.7	
December qtr	1 050.3	223.9	124.6	84.3	93.8	70.6	93.9	601.3	2 342.4	
1998										
March qtr	870.9	187.0	134.1	54.1	91.8	65.7	42.6	327.7	1 774.0	
June qtr r	1 083.5	251.9	259.4	45.0	119.2	79.4	67.7	225.2	2 131.3	
September qtr	1 086.1	218.9	86.0	54.7	99.1	124.7	24.9	206.5	1 901.1	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD										
1995-96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0	
1996-97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6	
1997-98 r	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6	
1997										
June qtr	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6	
September qtr	1 669.2	388.8	175.4	167.4	193.9	343.2	245.6	920.7	4 104.1	
December qtr	1 836.8	399.4	185.5	160.1	195.5	365.7	303.5	1 304.1	4 750.6	
1998										
March qtr	2 040.0	366.6	210.4	157.6	208.5	307.4	244.8	1 442.2	4 977.5	
June qtr r	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6	
September qtr	2 407.0	417.5	437.1	127.8	249.1	412.4	210.5	1 485.9	5 747.3	
COMPLETED										
1995-96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9	
1996-97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8	
1997-98 r	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4	
1997										
June qtr	684.7	195.3	52.0	86.5	104.6	95.0	41.5	439.9	1 699.5	
September qtr	775.5	202.9	193.1	114.5	169.9	30.8	39.6	1 101.1	2 627.5	
December qtr	886.3	219.3	114.6	94.8	102.1	53.7	39.3	236.9	1 747.1	
1998										
March qtr	681.2	227.7	99.6	61.9	85.6	131.1	96.8	201.6	1 585.7	
June qtr r	870.5	216.7	67.4	67.2	91.8	67.6	32.4	198.6	1 612.1	
September qtr	980.4	227.5	87.6	73.7	94.4	33.3	101.7	207.3	1 805.9	

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1996-97	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
1997-98 r	834	3 401	6 810	11 045	2 858	8 186
1997						
September qtr	164	775	1 563	2 502	694	1 807
December qtr	295	906	1 898	3 099	784	2 314
1998						
March qtr	163	756	1 527	2 446	615	1 831
June qtr r	212	965	1 822	2 999	765	2 234
September qtr	319	893	1 905	3 117	951	2 167
EXPECTED						
1997-98	1 265	3 244	6 263	10 772	2 997	7 775
1998-99	872	2 400	5 644	8 915	3 038	5 877

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities						Type of lender		
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Type of lender
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997									
October	93.0	549.4	279.7	222.0	471.8	1 615.9	2 512.8	4 128.7	3 180.7
November	77.4	463.8	138.3	81.2	525.1	1 285.9	1 475.9	2 761.9	2 279.0
December	167.1	539.6	164.7	123.8	1 729.9	2 725.0	1 862.3	4 587.3	3 996.0
1998									
January	76.8	483.4	121.9	83.1	372.7	1 137.8	1 359.6	2 497.4	2 154.8
February	116.4	425.5	119.7	118.4	722.3	1 502.3	2 150.7	3 653.0	2 757.5
March	220.0	446.7	161.1	91.2	505.5	1 424.6	1 773.0	3 197.7	2 508.2
April	75.1	418.1	121.5	90.5	744.2	1 449.3	2 033.0	3 482.4	2 496.7
May	124.6	489.7	117.5	157.3	1 263.6	2 152.7	1 592.5	3 745.2	3 129.8
June	100.3	628.8	140.0	115.5	1 154.9	2 139.5	1 440.2	3 579.8	3 085.4
July	112.8	527.1	156.0	100.2	1 112.3	2 008.4	2 243.1	4 251.5	3 570.6
August	87.4	391.1	113.9	169.3	451.3	1 212.9	2 182.6	3 395.5	2 912.4
September	113.1	461.6	185.7	78.8	714.5	1 553.6	1 488.9	3 042.5	2 438.7
October	r 85.2	r 461.3	r 181.2	91.0	r 441.0	1 259.8	2 389.8	3 649.6	2 889.9
November r	184.9	456.8	187.8	110.6	1 020.7	1 960.9	1 394.7	3 355.6	2 857.4
December	68.8	477.2	212.0	328.4	946.1	2 032.5	2 447.2	4 479.7	3 681.9

Source: ABS Time Series Service (AUSSTATS).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1997						
October	10 529	1 109	9 906	1 045	10 025	1 058
November	9 583	1 019	10 212	1 084	10 088	1 068
December	10 192	1 090	10 095	1 068	10 089	1 068
1998						
January	8 187	878	9 998	1 064	10 053	1 063
February	9 961	1 028	10 141	1 069	10 026	1 058
March	10 197	1 080	9 846	1 035	10 029	1 057
April	9 780	1 011	9 875	1 035	10 025	1 058
May	9 986	1 063	10 019	1 062	9 977	1 056
June	11 123	1 183	10 355	1 098	r 9 887	r 1 053
July	10 629	1 155	9 819	1 067	r 9 772	r 1 049
August	9 249	1 013	9 311	1 014	9 668	r 1 049
September	9 637	1 041	9 418	1 021	r 9 599	r 1 056
October r	9 649	1 060	9 438	1 046	9 579	1 070
November r	9 513	1 109	10 027	1 129	9 595	1 089
December	9 860	1 160	9 646	1 145	9 623	1 108

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1997								
November	1 101.1	272.3	178.6	373.3	169.4	264.6	320.6	2 679.9
December	1 256.5	465.3	245.5	482.2	250.5	383.4	371.9	3 455.3
1998								
January	1 128.9	214.2	155.6	320.1	158.6	254.7	339.4	2 571.5
February	1 022.6	174.2	134.6	280.6	142.7	236.5	297.0	2 288.3
March	1 085.9	208.9	163.8	300.6	150.8	272.9	339.1	2 522.0
April	1 079.1	246.6	189.2	288.6	139.6	281.7	340.2	2 565.1
May	1 093.9	238.9	198.6	304.9	137.6	271.5	344.5	2 589.8
June	1 054.9	211.7	183.6	298.0	135.8	264.8	324.3	2 473.1
July	1 144.1	255.2	200.4	312.9	151.8	284.7	348.5	2 697.6
August	1 118.3	213.4	180.8	303.6	161.5	283.8	357.3	2 618.6
September	1 113.8	228.5	184.4	319.7	167.9	288.7	356.8	2 659.9
October	1 201.4	251.6	193.4	339.5	166.8	315.9	372.5	2 841.2
November	1 158.7	285.6	210.9	323.9	176.9	325.3	367.9	2 849.2
December	1 357.4	499.9	313.1	432.2	260.1	431.1	419.0	3 712.9
1999								
January	1 210.5	227.9	187.8	329.5	167.7	275.3	386.5	2 785.2

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Section	1997-98		7 months ending January 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 171	3 604	775	2 319
1 Beverages and tobacco	127	159	84	100
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	566	1 867	345	815
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	783	938	680	378
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92	111	63	68
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 958	915	1 849	545
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 311	r 2 368	2 709	1 431
7 Machinery and transport equipment	12 438	2 970	7 951	1 697
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 008	977	3 295	600
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	1 397	2 026	827	1 784
Total	28 851	r 15 935	18 579	9 737

Source: *Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttracs Database*.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1996-97		1997-98		7 months ending January 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	242	66	243	91	142	62
Brazil	125	81	134	76	68	32
Canada	394	123	390	122	217	67
China	1 755	658	2 154	624	1 583	310
Fiji	119	236	133	245	103	127
Finland	169	8	193	12	108	5
France	711	162	631	168	366	80
Germany	1 923	280	2 116	268	1 413	219
Hong Kong	267	812	338	1 073	301	542
India	231	239	256	188	165	112
Indonesia	507	428	637	325	699	129
Italy	832	320	963	396	649	174
Japan	3 097	1 523	3 847	1 683	2 385	1 054
Korea, Republic of	671	2 098	882	1 039	494	441
Malaysia	508	669	668	517	524	237
Mexico	64	52	80	77	55	68
Netherlands	237	39	254	81	186	74
New Zealand	1 247	2 140	1 311	1 552	751	940
Pakistan	75	55	97	87	53	19
Papua New Guinea	232	269	163	235	34	116
Philippines	108	372	135	388	95	230
Saudi Arabia	203	168	107	210	51	143
Singapore	468	893	492	989	293	509
South Africa	100	292	147	272	74	129
Sweden	502	65	585	41	327	15
Switzerland	241	66	277	24	195	17
Taiwan	792	696	852	r 657	555	545
Thailand	335	412	400	341	296	198
United Kingdom	1 635	416	1 694	r 453	1 141	965
United States of America	5 944	958	7 027	1 603	4 147	825
Other and unknown	1 359	1 710	1 645	r 2 098	1 109	1 353
Total	25 093	16 306	28 851	r 15 935	18 579	9 737

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: *Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database*.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports)	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-96	24 663	15 410	-9 253	77 792	76 005	-1 787
1996-97	25 093	16 306	-8 787	78 998	78 932	-66
1997-98 r	28 851	15 935	-12 916	90 684	87 776	-2 908
1997						
November	2 263	1 541	-722	7 184	7 635	451
December	2 425	1 509	-916	7 915	7 822	-93
1998						
January	2 268	1 093	-1 175	7 109	6 303	-806
February	2 294	1 377	-917	6 956	6 673	-283
March	2 618	1 357	-1 261	8 188	7 312	-876
April	2 367	1 212	-1 155	7 446	7 198	-248
May	2 391	1 402	-989	7 657	7 949	292
June	2 657	1 209	-1 448	8 466	7 732	-734
July	2 841	1 379	-1 462	8 905	7 471	-1 434
August	2 669	1 541	-1 128	r 8 146	r 7 748	r -398
September	2 771	1 430	-1 341	8 545	r 7 600	r -945
October	2 871	1 450	-1 421	9 004	r 7 818	r -1 186
November r	2 553	1 314	-1 239	8 537	7 283	-1 254
December r	2 570	1 432	-1 138	7 885	7 893	8
1999						
January	2 303	1 191	-1 112	7 225	6 313	-912

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
1997							
June	650	27 170	75 353	1 365.9	55.7	22 630	145 443
September	663	27 476	76 123	1 410.1	55.8	22 746	160 195
December	661	27 616	76 010	1 484.0	58.4	21 478	164 141
1998							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243
September	676	29 404	80 902	1 464.3	54.4	20 776	169 966

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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